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Selecting the Men to Run Affairs of City

Need of Thoughtful and Practical Selection of the Men to Handle City Government

From Friday's Daily—
The city election is just around the corner, the date of this being April 6th, and at which time the voters of Plattsmouth will go to the polls and select the men that they feel are best fitted for the various offices of the city. But, before the city election there comes the city conventions of the democratic and republican parties, the two major political divisions that form the basis of our national life and whose principles are espoused by the greater part of the population of the city, state and nation.

These conventions are fully as important as the city election as the voters at the election have but to pass on the men the conventions place in nomination, and if the choice of the conventions is poor, the result of the election will likewise reflect the selection of the men who are named in the political meetings.

Here in Plattsmouth the taxpayers each year dig down in their jeans and contribute some \$50,000 that is expended according to the needs and the order of the city council. Here is where the great common voter is involved as he chooses the case may be, is the one who is footing the bill. In the heat of a campaign we may be prone to dash in to support a candidate for personal or other reasons that are not vital to the main issue involved.

There is, when the whole matter is simmered down to hard practical facts, one qualification that should be studied by the voters and that is whether or not the candidate for city office is qualified to pass on the very important matters of city government—that is, a man more important than the political affiliations of the candidate or his personality, his race, creed or other minor details.

The taxpayers of Plattsmouth need men of ability who are willing to make a sacrifice of their personal services for the general good of the public and to give a real honest-to-goodness business attention to the affairs of the city as they would to their own personal business.

When the taxes are paid and the money turned over to the city government, the men selected by the voters are given the task of spending the money and how well they do this is a matter that is up to the voters who select the men. The great fact that faces the taxpayers is the fact that they are "paying the piper" and on the men that they select for office depends the way in which their money is expended, and the average taxpayer well knows the sweat and work that it requires to bring forth the money to pay these taxes.

There are certain expenditures that the city government cannot avoid, such as the payment on bonds, interest and the fire hydrant and street lighting as well as police protection funds, but in other lines there is opportunity for economy and this should be the watchword for the next few years—Economy in the city government, with a large sized capital "E."

BRIDGE CASE POSTPONED

From Friday's Daily—
The hearing on the case of T. H. Polock vs. Roy Cochran et al, which was to have been heard at Lincoln yesterday before District Judge J. H. Broady, has on the request of the representatives of the plaintiffs been continued over for another week. The case has now been set for hearing on Wednesday, March 17th. This is the action in which the plaintiff seeks to have the state restrained from completing the details of taking over the King of Trails bridge over the Platte river north of this city.

Seeks Damage from the K. of T. Bridge Comp'y

Russell Harger, Truck Owner Asks for Damages to Truck Claimed By Grading Up of Road.

This morning in the office of the clerk of the district court an action was filed in which Russell Harger, Omaha truck driver was the plaintiff and the King of Trails Bridge Co., the defendants, the plaintiff seeking damages in the sum of \$694.

Masons Making Improvements in Lodge Rooms

Heating Plant Latest Move in Making the Rooms Among the Most Attracting in the State.

From Thursday's Daily—
The members of the Masonic order in this city have in the past few months been conducting a very extensive program of improvements in their building on Main street between 5th and 6th streets and which will make it one of the most attractive buildings of its kind in the state and also giving them one of the very best Masonic temples that the order has in the state outside of the cities of Omaha and Lincoln.

The re-decoration and re-furnishing of the lodge rooms was carried out some months ago including the placing of a large steel ceiling and the repapering and decorating of the side walls of the rooms and the securing of new furnishings of the lodge room which has been enlarged by the remodeling of the dining room of the building.

The latest improvement to be made at the temple is the installing of a modern steam heating plant in the building and which will be in readiness in a very short time and be in service at the time of the holding of the grand commandery of the Knights Templar here in April.

RETURNS TO ST. LOUIS

From Thursday's Daily—
Last evening Captain Harrison L. Gayer departed for St. Louis, where he will spend a short time at the U. S. Veterans hospital at that place, and will remain there for a short time completing his course of treatment that he has been undergoing for the past several weeks. Captain Gayer is feeling very much improved, but his condition is such that he will have to take several more treatments before he is released and discharged from the hospital. Last evening Captain Gayer was given his work in the Mt. Zion commandery of the Knights Templar here in the degree of the Knight of Malta.

HAS DENTAL OPERATION

From Thursday's Daily—
Mr. W. F. Stewart is at home this week convalescing after a severe dental operation performed by Dr. Shaver of Omaha. Dr. Shaver is known throughout the United States as the discoverer of a new way of treating bones which have become infected by diseased teeth.

Everything in school-day needs at right price at Bates Book Store.

Woman's Club Convention Held Here Thursday

Mrs. H. C. Leopold of This City Is Named as President of County Federation of Clubs.

From Friday's Daily—
The Cass County Federation of Women's clubs held their first meeting in this city yesterday and formally adopted the new constitution and by-laws that the committee had prepared and in addition also elected the officers of the new organization.

The members of the various clubs over the county who were in attendance at the meeting here were very enthusiastic over the work and the splendid hospitality that the Plattsmouth ladies had afforded them.

Following the luncheon the members of the various clubs adjourned to the auditorium of the public library where Mrs. Allen J. Beeson presided as the temporary chairman and Mrs. S. S. Chase as the secretary of the convention.

The members elected the following as the officers of the county federation.

President—Mrs. H. C. Leopold, Plattsmouth.
Vice-President—Mrs. C. E. Teft, Weeping Water.
Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Nelson Berger, Nebraska.

The ladies also enjoyed a very pleasant program at the afternoon session of the federation, Mrs. Beeson giving a group of readings, Mrs. P. J. Flynn and Mrs. William Woolcott, a vocal duet and Mrs. Robert Reed several very delightful piano numbers.

After the close of the business session the visitors were treated to refreshments at the Morgan Sweet shop before they departed for their homes and carried with them a full appreciation of the hospitality of the Plattsmouth ladies.

DOINGS IN DISTRICT COURT.

From Thursday's Daily—
The office of the clerk of the district court was a very busy place today with a sudden influx of business on the part of the litigants to get their claims to justice before the attention of the court.

A suit to quiet title was filed against Edward Bronkow vs. Turner McKinnon et al, and in which D. O. Dwyer appears in the action for the plaintiff.

Robert Willis vs. Johnnie Sheard, Jr., was the title of an action to recover judgment on a note and was filed by M. S. Briggs, attorney for the plaintiff.

Order of the district court to sell real estate in the matter of the estate of Mary E. Thompson, deceased, was also filed by D. O. Dwyer for the administration of the estate.

A suit for divorce entitled Emma L. Calder vs. William W. Calder was filed by William A. Robertson, attorney for the plaintiff. The petition states that the parties were married at South Bend on January 17, 1904 and that the defendant has been guilty of physical violence and abuse towards the plaintiff and for this reason a decree of divorce is prayed for as well as custody of a minor daughter.

OLD RESIDENT POORLY

From Friday's Daily—
The many old time friends here of W. D. Smith, for many years a resident of this city, but now living in Omaha, will regret very much to learn that Mr. Smith is quite poorly at his home in the metropolis. Mr. Smith has been troubled in the past few months by his eyesight failing and which has been of a very severe nature and to add to this he has suffered several attacks of heart trouble that have weakened him and caused more or less worry to the members of the family circle.

The Smith family was one of the oldest in the city as D. B. Smith, father of W. D. was one of the early railroad men here and the family home remained in this city up until three years ago when the W. D. Smith family moved to Omaha, where Mr. Smith was employed.

JULIUS NIELSON POORLY

From Saturday's Daily—
Julius Nielson, veteran engineer of the Burlington, has been forced to take an enforced vacation from his work on the road and is now at Rochester, Minnesota, where he is taking treatment there and may have to undergo an operation. Mr. Nielson has been in very poor health for some time past and his condition has become such that he has sought the advice of the specialists in order to try and secure some permanent relief from his suffering.

WILL UNDERGO OPERATION

From Thursday's Daily—
George E. Dovey, of this city, one of the pioneer residents of this community, has been at the Everett sanitarium at Lincoln for the past few weeks taking treatment as he has not been in the best of health for some time and on Monday was operated on for a minor ailment and will the last of this week be operated on again, the operation this time being of a more serious nature. The many friends of Mr. Dovey here are anxiously awaiting word from his bedside and trust that he may have a successful operation and a speedy recovery that will restore him to his former good health and allow him to resume his former activities.

Farmers are Responding to Legion Drive

Doing Their Share Toward Helping Provide Funds for the New Community Building

From Friday's Daily—
Among the contributions coming in daily for the community auditorium fund, a very pleasing response is noted from the farmers who reside within the Plattsmouth territory. As a class, the farmer is as hard hit financially as anyone, and although his products are not bringing prices that assure him much more than a living return for his long hours and hard labor he puts in, the farmer is not the "tight-fisted" sort of person he is often painted by unknowing city people, who work eight hours a day and enjoy all the modern conveniences of this ultra-modern age. Many of the farmers residing in this vicinity are looking forward to the acquisition of a sufficient competence to enable them to retire from the hard grind of tilling the soil as middle age creeps upon them, and locating in a cozy home in Plattsmouth to enjoy their declining years, and naturally they are as much interested in having community building and other conveniences here as the people who actually reside here now, and are expressing their interest in the form of generous contributions to the rapidly growing fund.

At the time of mailing out the letters, it was some what probable that the rural communities would be so great, but so far the farmers are keeping pace with their city brethren in furnishing the necessary wherewithal to insure erection of the building during the present summer.

Among the farmers contributing to the fund to date are E. H. Spangler, William Wetenkamp and children, Frances and William, Jr., J. F. Wehrlein, David Rutherford, Philip Bern, H. F. Nolting and Ed H. Trisich. In addition, a goodly number of retired farmers who now reside in Plattsmouth have responded liberally.

DEATH OF FORMER RESIDENT

From Friday's Daily—
The death of Mrs. Barbara Mittelmeyer, former resident of Plattsmouth, occurred on Wednesday at the South Side hospital in Omaha, following an illness of some duration.

Mrs. Mittelmeyer was 70 years of age and was residing here for a great many years, the family residing in the property on North 8th street near the standpipe, and during her residence here was well known to a large circle of friends who learn of her death with a great deal of regret. The family moved to Omaha some 19 years ago and have since made their home there.

Surviving this estimable lady is the husband, George Mittelmeyer, two sons, Ben and Ouis, of Omaha; two daughters, Mrs. W. J. Doneison and Mrs. Lena Veylupok of Los Angeles.

The funeral services will be held on Tuesday from the Brewer chapel and the interment made in the Forest Lawn cemetery.

ON THE SICK LIST

From Saturday's Daily—
Deputy Sheriff W. C. Schaus was confined to his home today as the result of a very severe attack of tonsillitis that has made his condition most unpleasant and kept him in bed for the greater part of the time. Sickness seems to have made a special target of the Schaus family as all of the members of the family have been taking turns at the sickness since last summer.

WOODS BROTHERS DEVELOP NEW GRAVEL PIT IN IA.

Missouri Valley, Ia., March 12.—A gravel pit is to be developed two miles east of here by Woods Bros. of Lincoln, Neb., and a half mile spur from the Illinois Central main line probably will be built to the deposit. Due to the absence of pits within fifty miles of the Missouri river, this project takes added importance with a road program being gotten under way.

Mexican Found Dead in Creek at Cedar Creek

Stranger Plunges to His Death Sometime During Last Night—Body Is Found Early Today.

From Friday's Daily—
This morning at 8 o'clock Philip Fornoff, one of the residents of Cedar Creek made the gruesome discovery of the body of a man lying in the creek bed near the Sayles hall in that village.

The discovery of the body was immediately followed by the notification to County Attorney W. G. Kieck, who drove to Cedar Creek to hold an inquest and to ascertain the facts in the case.

The investigation revealed the fact that the man was Nicholas Montoto, who had arrived at Cedar Creek late yesterday afternoon to work on an extra gang for the Burlington that have their headquarters at that place. While the man was a stranger to the members of the extra gang they made the identification of the body as that of their fellow worker. The man was apparently about forty-five years of age.

The stranger had evidently come down to the business section of the village last night and on his return in the dark missed the bridge near the Sayles hall and plunged to his death in the creek which at the point where he was found was some fifteen feet deep. There is at this place a concrete wing or apron to the bridge and it is thought that the man may have struck this and rendered him unconscious, plunging on down into the creek and alighting face downward in the soft mud and which caused suffocation as he lay unconscious.

There is considerable mud at this point and the man alighting had evidently made no struggle to get out and lay there until death came to him. After the inquest which was held and the finding of the jury which was to the effect that the man came to his death by accidental causes, the body was removed and will be held for a short time to try and locate relatives of the unfortunate man if possible.

Presbyterian Church Scene of Fine Meeting

Fourth of Series of Meetings on Latin America Is Very Largely Attended.

From Thursday's Daily—
In spite of the inclement weather and the tardiness of some in regard to the smallpox, the meeting at the Presbyterian church last evening was well attended. The fourth chapter on the work of the church in Latin America was very interestingly given by Mrs. Will Robertson, who had charge of the adult division. The young people were told about the condition of the South American Indians by the pastor and Miss Catherine Harris interested the children with stories.

COL. KINNEY IS NOT FIT FOR ACTIVE DUTY

From Saturday's Daily—
The many friends in this city of Col. C. C. Kinney, formerly command officer of the 17th infantry stationed at Forts Omaha and Crook, will regret very much to learn that Col. Kinney is still in very bad shape physically and his return to active duty has not been found advisable by the permanent retirement board of the war department. The report of the board was to the effect that Col. Kinney was physically unfit for active duty, unofficial reports from Washington state Major General Robert C. Davis, adjutant general will receive the findings of the board next week and the findings will then be placed in the hands of Secretary of War Davis for final approval.

Col. Kinney has been at the Walter Reed hospital at Washington for the past six months, after his very severe illness at Omaha and which left him in a very serious condition. While he is very much improved over his condition on reaching the hospital he is not physically able to continue his active service as a regular army officer.

Those who are interested in learning the new decorative art work in lamp shades and screens, can receive free instructions by calling at the annex of the Bates Book & Gift shop.

VISIT NEBRASKA CITY

From Thursday's Daily—
Last evening quite a delegation of the members of Cass chapter of the Order of De Molay, motored down to Nebraska City to visit with Oteo chapter of that city. The Nebraska City chapter had initiation of four members and the Plattsmouth visitors were very much pleased with the manner in which the impressive ritualistic work was given by the Oteo chapter officers. The visitors from this city comprised the following: John Bauer, Richard Elliott, Ralph Wehrlein, Fred Trilety, Harlan Gorder, Herbert Johnson, Carl Graves, Thomas Green and Fred Howland.

Mrs. Evelyn Johnson Passes Away Today

Illness of Some Four Weeks From Tuberculosis Causes Death of Well Known Lady Today.

From Thursday's Daily—
This morning at 4:40 at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mike Stiles, occurred the death of Mrs. Evelyn Stiles Johnson, death coming as the result of a very sudden attack of tuberculosis and the ravages of which has covered the last four weeks.

In the last few days the recovery of Mrs. Johnson has been despaired of and she has gradually failed in health despite all that could be done by loving hands to ease her suffering and to try and bring her back from the valley of the shadow.

The deceased lady was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mile Stiles and was born on March 29, 1894 at Greenwood and spent her early childhood there, coming later to Plattsmouth where she was married to Roy E. Warthen, later Mrs. Warthen was again married, the second marriage being to Clifford R. Johnson.

The family has been residing at St. Joseph, Mo., up to the last few weeks when the fatal sickness of Mrs. Johnson made necessary her coming here to the home of the mother where she has since been cared for.

There remains the husband and four children, Mayola and Evelyn Warthen, aged 10 and 7 years and Jean Elizabeth and Clifford R. Johnson, Jr., three years and seventeen months of age. There also mourns her going the mother and two brothers, Marvin A. Stiles of Omaha and O. M. Stiles of St. Joseph, Mo.

RECOVERING FROM THE EFFECTS OF VACCINATION

From Thursday's Daily—
Rev. Frank Emory Pfoutz, pastor of the First Methodist church is just recovering from an illness that has confined him to his home and which is the effect of the recent vaccination that the pastor had given him to ward off the possibilities of the smallpox, but the preventative seems to have been almost as severe as the malady. The vaccination has made the genial pastor quite sick for a few days, and he is still feeling far from well, but is convinced that the vaccination "took" in the most approved manner and that he certainly should be immune now from the popular malady.

Wedding of Young Folks in Omaha Today

Mr. Guy Long and Miss Beatrice Herring Are Wedded in the State Metropolis.

From Saturday's Daily—
This morning at Omaha occurred the marriage of Mr. Guy Long and Miss Beatrice Herring, both of this city, the wedding being a very quiet one.

The wedding occurred at the parsonage of the First Presbyterian church of Omaha and the bride and groom were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tinscher of this city and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Jensen of Omaha, Mrs. Tinscher being a sister of the bride and Mrs. Jensen a sister of the groom.

The bridal party will enjoy the afternoon in Omaha as guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jensen and will depart this evening at 12 o'clock for Minutaire, Nebraska, where they are to enjoy a honeymoon of a week or ten days duration at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Campbell, the former a nephew of Mr. Long.

Both of the contracting parties are numbered among the most popular young people of the city, they having grown to manhood and womanhood here and where their friends are legion. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McKinney and has received her education here in the local schools and is a lady of the greatest charm of personality and who has made a host of warm friends among those who have had the opportunity of her acquaintance.

The groom is a son of Mrs. A. M. Long, and is one of the popular and highly esteemed young men of the community and at the present time is in the employ of the Burlington at the local shops.

Mr. and Mrs. Long on their return from their honeymoon will be at home to their friends in this city, they making their home with the mother of Mr. Long, who will reside with them in the future. In the happiness that has come to them, Mr. and Mrs. Long have the best wishes of their host of friends for a life filled with all happiness to these estimable young people.

FUNERAL OF MEXICAN

From Saturday's Daily—
This afternoon at Louisville was held the funeral services of Nicholas Montoto, a stranger, found dead in the Cedar Creek at the village of that name early yesterday morning. Inquiries by County Attorney Kieck through the employment department of the Burlington failed to give any trace of where the man had come from or whether he possessed a family either in this country or Mexico.

The man apparently was one of the many thousands of the Mexican peons who are imported in this country each year to do labor work on the railroads.

The funeral at Louisville was in charge of P. C. Stander, the undertaker at that place and the interment made in the cemetery at that place.

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